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SUBJ: DEATH OF JOHN ALAN COEY IN RHODESIA

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1061 (NOTAL)

1. JOHN ALAN COEY, AMERICAN KILLED IN SKIRMISH WITH GUERRILLA FORCES JULY 12 WHILE SERVING WITH RHODESIAN ARMY, APPARANTLY ENTERED RHODESIA FOUR YEARS AGO WITH INTENTION OF VOLUNTEERING FOR ARMY. ACCORDING FEATURE STORY IN (SALISBURY) SUNDAY MAIL JULY 27, COEY'S MOTHER IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT JOHN CAME TO RHODESIA WITH SUPPORT OF HIS PARENTS TO JOIN MILITARY FORCES.

2. MRS, GEORGE COEY, WHO, ALONG WITH HUSBAND AND SON, WAS FLOWN TO RHODESIA BY TERRORIST VICTIMS'S RELIEF FUND FOR JOHN'S FUNERAL, ALSO REPORTED AS SAYING THAT SON TOOK OUT RHODESIAN CITIZENSHIP TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEATH.

3. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT AMERICANS LIVING IN RHODESIA
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MAY BE FACED WITH COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

(REFTEL), IN THIS CASE IT APPEARS THAT INDIVIDUAL
INVOLVED VOLUNTEERED FOR ARMY AND WAS NOT COMPELLED
TO DO SO.
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